

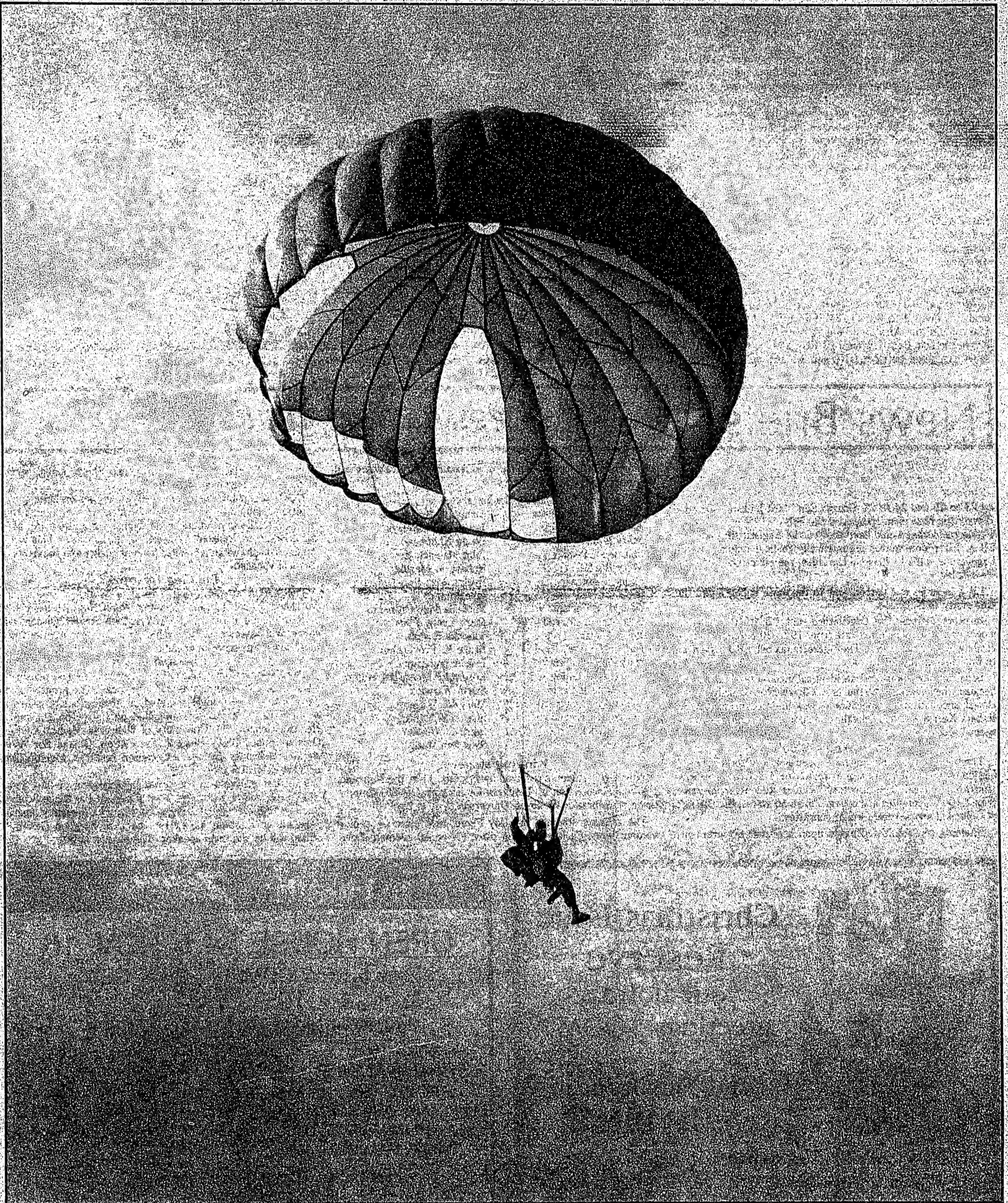
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Oh, those  
Sax Maniacs!  
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—Roger Tunis

# JUMP!

See pages 6 and 7



# Council 'accomplished what it intended,' but land veto stands

By BETH DeMERELL

In a 6-0 vote, 3.7 acres of land just south of UNO was put "on file" during Tuesday's City Council meeting.

This means Mayor Mike Boyle's veto of a resolution allowing joint development of the land by the city and UNO was allowed to stand.

The proposal in question was initiated last spring by former council member David Stahmer. The City Council had been scheduled to vote on an override of a mayoral veto, but voted to pass Councilman Richard Takechi's motion to "lay over the matter" for another 16 weeks.

After amending the proposal Tuesday, Council President Steve Tomasek recalled that a chain link fence surrounding the land had been removed and a wood fence had been put up in its place.

When Stahmer initiated the proposal, his plan was to allow UNO to develop the land for recreational use, with any projects subject to approval by the council.

Earlier this year Chancellor Del Weber said he would like to see tennis courts or an amphitheater built on the land. The university, however, does not have the funds for any sort of development.

Boyle felt that was the reason the resolution was pointless, and therefore vetoed the proposal.

Tomasek said that the area is now being used as a park, with many trees and natural vegetation growing there. "Actually we've accomplished what we intended to do," he said.

Tomasek said one or two picnic tables are already in the park area and that two more will be added by the parks department.

According to the *Omaha World-Herald* (May 18, 1985), the land was deeded to the city in 1957 for \$1 by Mrs. W. Dale Clark; her sister, Mrs. Ben "Peggy" Cowdery and Mrs. Clark's brother-in-law, Ben Cowdery. At that time, it was intended to serve as a buffer between UNO and the surrounding residences.



Looking southwest onto a portion of the land that has been turned into park area.

—Susan Kuhlmann

## News Briefs

## Legislative update

by 23 to 22 and 24 to 21. Omaha Sen. Vard Johnson, Revenue Committee chairman, sponsored the bill.

The resolution would have allowed the Legislature to amend LB 1. LB 1 now moves automatically to final reading. If the Legislature votes to suspend the rules, the bill can be voted on Wednesday.

LB 1 includes a 2 percent cut to the state colleges and the University of Nebraska.

In other actions, the Legislature sent LB 10, the bill that would raise the income tax rate from 19 to 20 percent, to final reading by a 27 to 19 vote. The cigarette tax bill, LB 3, advanced to final reading by 26 to 21.

Senators also sponsored an identical income tax bill, LB 35, because they feared that the first bill would eventually be declared unconstitutional because it was initiated prior to Gov. Robert Kerrey's expanded call to include the income tax in the special session Nov. 11.

### UNO 'Who's Who'

Thirty-six UNO students have been selected for the 1986 edition of *Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges*. The directory includes students from more than 1,400 universities and colleges in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign countries.

Students are nominated based upon academic achievement,

community service, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

UNO students named to the list are:

Laura Paige Anderson  
Karen Barry  
Mary Baum  
Sharon A. Brod  
Mary Burton  
Philip J. Buttner  
Janet Carlsen  
Donald A. Carlson  
Beth Ann DeMerell  
Rosie Fenton  
Nathan Froese  
Nathan P. Griffith  
Theresa J. Henley  
Julie Anne Johnson  
Gillian Jones-Custard  
Bradley R. Kaciewicz  
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Jarilyn K. Kolterman  
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John Malnack II  
Robert A. Marble  
Evelyn May Engel Martin  
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Mary Lynne Pilus  
Thomas F. Polk  
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Lisa A. Sobeski  
Rosemary McCarthy Walters  
Susan Warwick  
Mary M. Williams  
Sharon Williams  
Ingra C. Winkler  
Siew-San Wong

### Winning singers

Four UNO students received honors Oct. 11 at the Nebraska National Association of Teachers for Singing (NATS) Competition at Nebraska Wesleyan University.

The winning students are: Joy Flynn, first place — senior women; Janet Carlsen, second place — senior women; Dave

Blatter, third place — senior men; and Sherri Jones, second place — junior women.

UNO contestants were prepared to sing an operatic aria in its original language, a French or German art song, and a song from contemporary American or English song literature. Margaret Hemmen, assistant professor of music, said, "This year's students displayed an increased level of quality and capability as classical vocalists."

### Looking for work?

The YWCA is sponsoring "World of Work," a five-session workshop for job hunters. Sessions begin Nov. 21 from 9:30 a.m. until noon at the YWCA, 222 S. 29th Street. Sessions will cover skill assessment, job values, resumes, applications and interviews. For more information, call 345-6555.

### Life and death

The National Conference of Christians and Jews is sponsoring a series called "Bioethics: Issues in Justice." The programs will explore the ethical, legal and medical implications of issues in health care. The series is endorsed by Creighton University Health Sciences, the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha-Council Bluffs Hospital Association, Omaha Bar Association, Nebraska Nurses Association and the Metropolitan Omaha Medical Society.

The first program in the series, a discussion of the "Baby Doe" case, will be held Nov. 21 at 8 p.m. at the Riggs Science Lecture Hall, Creighton University. Harold O'Flaherty, special assistant on disability policy for the U.S. Surgeon General's office, will be the main speaker. The session is free.



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## Good golly, Miss Molly, those 'Maniacs' sure got sax appeal!

Think back to the times of Jerry Lee Lewis, Chuck Berry and Bill Haley. Those cats could sure wail. The music was gutsy, rebellious and downright forbidden. Pure rock'n'roll at its finest.

Johnny Reno and the Sax Maniacs can capture some of this lost enthusiasm. Some say they possess "the cleanest old-style rock'n'roll north of Jerry Lee Lewis' living room."

Good golly, Miss Molly, is that sax appeal the story behind these Maniacs! Johnny Reno, leader and founder of the band, struts his sax like you wouldn't believe.

Reno has been playing the sax for about eight years. During the '70s, Reno frequented the Bluebird, a predominantly black nightclub in West Fort Worth, Texas. "The musicians there could not believe that a white kid could be interested in music from the '50s. But I'd corner one of the black sax players and beg him to show me everything he knew. Those sax players taught me the kind of thing you don't learn in school," said Reno in an interview with the *Magazine of Dallas/Fort Worth*. Soon after, Reno was playing the sax himself at the Bluebird for \$6 a night.

### Preview

In 1978-79, Reno was playing in a band with Stevie Ray Vaughn. "I wanted to sing more than just rhythm and blues. I still liked the R&B sound but I wanted to also play things like Marshall Crenshaw. I also wanted to be more than just a sideman. So I started Johnny Reno and the Sax Maniacs," recalled Reno in a telephone interview from Fort Worth.

On the phone he sounds much younger than the 33-year-old musician that he is. He's got the laid-back demeanor of a much younger man. I bet he even blushes.

On vinyl, though, Reno is true to age. Reno recorded his first EP solo called "Born to Blow" and it was released in 1983. The second album, "Full Blown," was just released and involves all the Maniacs. It is a mix of quick, early-rock'n'roll styles that ventures in the pop arena.

The first song on the album, "Running for Cover," has a video to accompany it. "We just decided to make a video to support it. We put a storyboard around the sound. It is cinematic rather than cute. Cute costs lots of dough," said Reno. The video is currently on rotation on M TV.

Johnny Reno and the Sax Maniacs are known as the favorite band of our comrades to the west, UNL. NU is included in many promotional stories as one of the biggest followers of the band.

Reno is deserving of all praise. Who wouldn't love a man who wears a shark-skin suit with razor-sharp pleats, striped skunk-hair shoes, tightly slicked-back hair and a cunning smile that says, "trust me."

"I'm gonna make the saxophone the king of the bandstand again," Reno promised. I'm sure he will. He can honk and squall



Johnny Reno and the Sax Maniacs

and likes to "blow the horn real hard."

Besides being treated to a pleasing sound, he also is quite the entertainer. He has perfected the "bar walk," which is "move the beer bottle and glasses 'cuz here I come" as he jumps aboard the bar and saunters down the runway. People love that sort of thing.

During their last show in Omaha, Reno and the five Maniacs were playing as they led the audience around Howard Street Tavern. He looked like the Pied Piper of Sax.

Other times, Reno was on his back on the floor, sax pointed up in the air blowing those irresistible sounds. He can play bleeding notes that make you sway to the beat.

Reno told me that he wants to concentrate on the song-writing challenge. "I'm really paying attention to the lyrics of the songs besides the musical part."

Johnny Reno and the Sax Maniacs will appeal to sax lovers because there is still a flavor of the days with Stevie Ray Vaughn and his legendary guitar licks. Bill Eden is the second sax player on stage and is a consistent back-up to Reno.

The album was co-produced by T-Bone Burnett. Ah, there's the rub. I thought I recognized something familiar in the arrangement. It's a cool album. They've got the appeal of Glenn Miller and his big band sound and the jumpin' jive of the Big Bopper and Fats Domino.

I asked Reno what he thought of the Midwest. In his opinion, and contrary to public belief, we are all not "chewin' on a corn-stalk."

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# What's Next

# Telling stories

William Kittredge, an author of essays and fiction, will read some of his work Nov. 19 at 8 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center, Room 105. Kittredge will also speak before the Contemporary Writers class Nov. 19 at 1 p.m. in Arts and Sciences Hall, Room 384, and lead a fiction workshop Nov. 18 at 6 p.m. in Arts and Sciences Hall, Room 389. All events are free and open to the public.

Kittredge has been published in magazines such as *The Atlantic*, *Harper's*, *Rolling Stone* and the *Paris Review*. He has written two collections of short stories, co-wrote a series of westerns and won the Neil Simon Award for his work on the screenplay for *Heartland*. His appearance is sponsored by the Writer's Workshop.

## Status of women

The Chancellor's Commission on the Status of Women (CCSW) will meet Nov. 21, 2:30 to 4 p.m. in the Omaha Room, third floor of the Student Center.

The CCSW is accepting membership applications. Membership is open to UNO faculty, staff, and students. Application deadline is Dec. 1. Apply to: Marilyn Leach, Chairwoman, CCSW, Arts and Sciences Hall, Room 217.

## Lonely or alone?

The Student Social Work Organization (SSWO) is sponsoring a seminar on "Loneliness and Aloneness," Nov. 16 from 8 a.m. to noon in the Gallery Room, third floor of the Student Center. The main speaker will be social worker Gary Lehmer. Registration at the door is free for SSWO members; non-member students, \$5; and general public, \$10.

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## Turkeys shot down

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## Stop your smoking

Eta Sigma Gamma, a honorary health science fraternity, is co-sponsoring the American Cancer Society's Great American Smokeout Nov. 21. An information booth will be located in the Student Center Ballroom from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free "quit smoking" packets will be provided for those wishing to give up smoking, whether for the day of the smokeout or for good.

## Student anxiety

A brown bag colloquium on "Understanding Student Anxiety" will be held Nov. 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Gallery Room, third floor of the Student Center. Panelists include Bruce Baker, professor of English; E. J. Kemnitz, associate professor of chemistry; John Konvalina, mathematics professor; Morgan Hecht, social work instructor; and James Wood, chemistry professor. To register for the panel discussion, call the Center for Improvement of Instruction, 554-2427.

## Free film

Chapter Summary Bible Study will show *The Prodigal* Nov.

24 at 6 p.m. in the CBA Auditorium. Admission is free.

## Alcoholics' children

Adult Children of Alcoholics, an organization of people who grew up in alcoholic environments or in environments influenced by alcoholism, meets every Tuesday in the Board Room, third floor of the Student Center. Meetings start at 11:30 a.m. and last until 12:30 or 12:45 p.m. All students are welcome.

## Hawaiian summer with PAMI

The Pacific Asian Management Institute (PAMI) of the University of Hawaii at Manoa will offer programs in international business with an Asia-Pacific focus. Areas studied include international marketing, international financial management, multinational business management and comparative business. A 29-day Field Study Abroad program takes students to industrial centers and companies in Japan, Korea, Hong Kong and Taiwan.

PAMI Awards and National Resource Fellowships are available on a competitive basis. Deadline for applications is Feb. 15, 1986. For more information and applications, write to: Susan Tamura-Paulachak, PAMI, University of Hawaii, CBA-C303, 2404 Maile Way, Honolulu, Hawaii, 96822.

## Last chance for obscurity

Today is the deadline for entries to the Fourth Annual Search for UNO's Poet Laureate. One-page poems pertaining to UNO must be brought to *The Gateway*, Annex 26, by 3 p.m. Winning poems will be published in the Nov. 22 issue of *The Gateway*.

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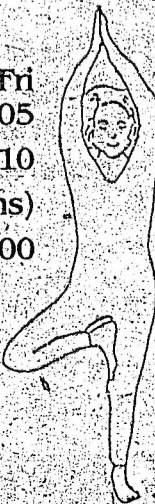
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# Skydiving satisfies



*Story by  
Susan Kuhlmann*

**This story contains opinions of the author.**

This is the bottom line — the moment of decision. Sitting at the edge of the plane, poised for flight, I prepare to dive out into the ocean of empty air between the embryonic safety of the plane and the landscape — earhtone quilt swatches — 2,800 feet below.

Why would anyone want to be in this position? Every skydiver I talked to admitted that jumping from a plane seems insane. Jim Saunders, instructor, pilot, jumpmaster called it "the most exciting thing you'll ever do." Saunders said he doesn't believe any of the reasons he hears for wanting to jump — but admantly denies that it has anything to do with a "death wish."

The notion of skydiving met with some bizarre reactions. My mother reminded me that I have four children and warned "I don't want to know when you do it."

I was drawn to a desire to fly, and to this moment by a boy who refused to grow up and a seagull seeking perfect flight.

Peter Pan was, perhaps, my first love. I was easily convinced that the pixie dust (Wyoming sand) an uncle brought me would, when sprinkled on my newspaper wings, enable me to take flight.

After that failed, I gave up flying for years. But reading *Jonathan Livingston Seagull*, and other books by Richard Bach, reawakened in me the desire to experience flying in a more tactile way than from within some monster of an Eastern or United body, housing 150 other people, cushioned seats and Coca Cola in its climate-controlled cabin.

Skydiving materialized in my mind as a option for fulfilling that desire, without an enormous investment of time, travel or money. It was then that I noticed a *Gateway* ad: "Train in morning, jump in afternoon."

Saunders, who teaches the one-day course, said, "people tend to see the ads when they are ready to jump."

The notion met with some bizarre reactions. My mother reminded me that I have four children (who need a mother) and warned, "I don't want to know when you do it."

Friends' reactions varied from questioning my sanity to expressing their envy.

Not that I was certain myself of this venture. Sitting there, one hand on the wing brace, the other on the door jam, watching the ground so far below, I realize this is not like kids jumping



off a step — this is half a mile above the earth. How can I jump? But everyone feels the anxiety. Saunders said, "Either they're scared or they're lying."

My mind throws the concepts of fear and trust back and forth as I wait for the simple word "go," the last of the in-plane commands.

I had come out the day before, watched the plane — a small white cross in the October blue sky — spit out human specks with long tails behind them. I'd watched the tails spread and the bodies become more and more discernible, floating down to the ground where some had landed as effortlessly as if jumping off a two-foot step.

I knew, as I waited, that I could back out. Saunders had stressed that — had promised there would be no questions asked.

But hadn't I waited all day for this moment?

It had begun with 7 a.m. Sunday Mass. I had considered skipping it this time, but my 12-year-old warned me that I dare not, considering my plane for the day.

In the early morning, dimly lit pew, I'd listened to the words of the liturgy's opening prayer: "For it is your creation, the heavens and the earth and the stars; you are lord of all." How could I not be safe?

The mandatory training session (for me and one other stu-

dent) began at 9 a.m. in a small office. We were warned of the dangers of using alcohol or drugs when flying in small planes, and briefed on emergency procedures.

Following a break, the instruction had centered on "canopy control," learning how to guide the chute to the target area. Saunders said it is the one thing about jumping he can't control — it is totally left to the student.

It's like driving a car or learning to use a computer; in practice it is not so tough, but in theory it's difficult to grasp. To my alarm, the training culminated with a written exam — what if my spirit is willing but my brain is weak?

After all of that, how could I now back out? Besides, I'd been warned by my kids — my fan club — that they'd be unforgiving if I "chickened out" after they'd spent their afternoon at the tiny Plattsmouth airport waiting to see me jump.

I'd gone there after lunch, ready for the last of the training. But the first nice weekend in several had brought all the enthusiasts out, and it was a long wait.

I spent it mulling around the hangar, amidst the neat rows of chutes, reserve chutes, boots, helmets and suits.

Then there was more training. Falling from a suspended rope, we had learned to land correctly, and then practiced reacting to a variety of chute malfunctions.

Using an aerial photo for illustration, Saunders explained how

Above photos show Susan Kuhlmann making a jump at 2,800 feet.

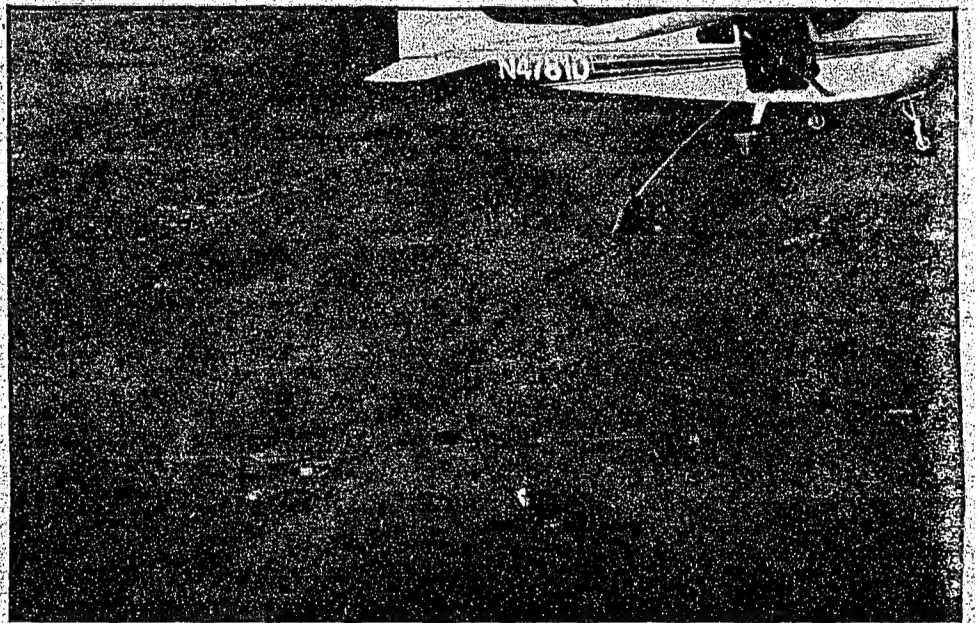
Left Photo: Instructor Jim Saunders (left) briefs Larry Longhofer and Susan Kuhlmann on how to spot the landing target from the air. Right Photo: Susan Kuhlmann pulls in her parachute after landing in a bean field not far from target.



# urge for adventure



*Photos by  
Roger Tunis*



to guide the chute, compensating for the current wind conditions, from the point where we were to leave the plane, to the target.

Finally my name was on the list of the next group to go up, and I began the ceremony of getting dressed: the suit, the boots, the helmet.

Donning the chute gave it a sense of reality. The main chute strapped securely to my back, and the reserve to the front gave me an added weight of 30 pounds. Their bulkiness created a sensation not unlike pregnancy, except that this was on both sides.

**The main chute strapped securely to my back, and the reserve to the front gave me an added weight of 30 pounds. Their bulkiness created a sensation not unlike pregnancy, but this was on both sides**

Entering the plane — being the smallest, I sat in the back, behind two who had jumped before — had added to my excitement.

Starting the engine, taxiing down the runway and finally taking off had added contributed even further to the tension. One person said that getting up in the air is the scariest part for him — for me it was the beginning of the adventure.

As the time approached to spit out the first chutist, Saunders opened the door — another scary sensation.

The plane's noise made conversation impractical — but the remaining chutist and I exchanged looks of both fear and reassurance. And in my mind there was the constant review of all I'd learned — especially canopy control.

And finally, my turn. As he does with all "rookies" Saunders had the pilot fly over the area where I was about to jump leaving the door open — to allow me the chance to familiarize myself with the landscape below. He'd pointed out all the landmarks — the river, the farmhouse with the dog, the electric wires — that only hours before has been mere lines and x's on a chalkboard in class.

And now there is nothing left but to do it. I wait, listening for the sound of the engine cutting, a signal I'd learned to recognize, even from ground level, the day before. I realize that I trust this man, who, two days ago, was a stranger, with my life.

The engine cuts.



"Go."  
I'm out, plummeting uncontrollably to the ground.  
"OH GOD! PLEASE GOD, HELP ME! I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO! I'M FALLING!"

Then the memory kicks in and somewhere in the hollow back yard of my head, I recall the instructions: the practiced spread eagle position and Jim's words, "Look up and see if you got your money's worth!"

Leaning my head back, I see that the static line (used for the

first five jumps) attached to the plane has pulled open the chute. A beautifully ugly Army-green mushroom blossoms overhead, catching my fall.

OK, so I'm not going to crash into the ground — scatter my blood and guts all over some farmer's field. But where are the landmarks? I don't recognize anything. Did the pilot make a wrong turn and accidentally dump me in the next county?"

No, I see the highway, the farm buildings, even the old orange and white target. And I reach up to find the handles to steer my parachute and they work, turning me to the right and left, just as they are supposed to.

**OK, so I'm not going to crash into the ground. But where are the landmarks? Did the pilot make a wrong turn and dump me in the next county?**

If panic and fear overwhelmed me seconds before — it takes a mere two to three seconds for the chute to open — now it is a calm, unequal to any I've known before.

No one should be allowed to use the cliché "suspended in space" unless they have been 1,500 feet above the earth in a parachute. There is no sound, no motion — time has stopped for me. But I must be falling because the ground takes on more detail. The harvest-ready, rust-colored bean field comes into focus and I accept it as my destination — no bull's eye for this rookie.

Time to think again. Remember the landing position — legs together, knees bent and eyes on the horizon. Closer and closer I get until my feet touch the soft, muddy earth and I fall forward.

Getting up I see my family running toward me. Perhaps my victory is theirs as well.

The layers of clothing I'd put on that morning to keep warm now become hot and uncomfortable and I struggle to untangle the lines of cords, the yards and yards of unleashed nylon, from the dried stalks of soy beans. This is one field from which the farmer is not going to reap a record yield.

Together, we make our way back to the pick-up truck and then return to the hangar. I receive my certificate of achievement and for the next few days I can share the seagull's triumph:

"He was alive, trembling ever so slightly with delight, proud that his fear was under control."



# Comment

## 'Better a flawed deficit-reduction measure than none'

Congress has been placed on the spot of late because of something known as the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings proposal that would require annual reductions in federal budget deficits, culminating in a balanced federal budget by fiscal year 1991.

The reason this measure has been giving Congressmen fits is that it is linked to legislation that would raise the government's debt limit, which is necessary if the government is to continue functioning financially.

The proposal is named for three senators who sponsored it. Under the plan, budget deficits would have to be pared by at least \$36 billion each year until the budget is balanced by the aforementioned deadline. If these deficit reductions are not made by Congress, the president could then wield his fiscal scalpel to make the cuts.

A cacophony of criticism has been raised against this measure. Perhaps the major flaw in Gramm-Rudman-Hollings is that approximately 60 percent of federal spending would be exempted from reduction. This is obviously inequitable. It is patently unfair to expect less than half of the federal budget to shoulder reductions.

Other critics of the proposal claim that it confers upon the executive branch fiscal authority it was never meant to have. Perhaps.

It also has been suggested that spending cuts alone are inadequate, that tax increases also are needed.

Despite the Gramm-Rudman proposal's imperfections, how-

ever, the crux of the matter is this: Can Congress — indeed, can the nation — afford not to approve what seems to be the most ambitious, substantive measure yet proffered for checking deficit spending?

The national debt — the accumulated deficits — is more than \$1.8 trillion. As of Tuesday, Congress was still wrangling over whether to raise the debt limit to more than \$2 trillion. These are almost incomprehensible figures when referring to money. For that matter, annual deficits of \$200 billion are staggering.

Presently, almost \$200 billion of each year's federal budget goes just to pay the interest on the debt.

The national debt has become a behemoth gone berserk, inflicting myriad damages on the national economy.

As the debt grows, it means that much less capital would be available to the private sector. Some economists also believe that the enormous debt is a major reason for the strong dollar relative to other currencies, which is the main reason for the U.S. trade deficit. And the trade imbalance translates into lost U.S. jobs.

Congressional passage of any deficit-reduction proposal would be remarkable, given Congress' historic difficulty reaching a consensus on less controversial matters. Although everyone seems to agree that deficit spending should be halted, very few seem to agree on just how this should be done.

There are basically three alternatives here: 1) do nothing; 2)

come up with a better idea and approve it; 3) approve Gramm-Rudman-Hollings.

If option No. 1 is chosen, the patient (the economy) will be left untreated, one day to die anyway.

Option No. 2 would seem to entail beginning this whole process anew. If Congress were to retreat now, when on the verge of doing *something* to combat deficits, will it ever get any closer? Will Congress ever do anything to stop deficits?

Finally, there is option No. 3, take a chance on Gramm-Rudman.

As deficits continue mounting, any deficit-reduction measure that offers a chance of Congressional approval might have to be endorsed on pain of the consequences if nothing is done.

In other words, the time for surgical niceties quite possibly has passed. If major surgery with less-than-perfect instruments is the only available option for treating the patient, so be it. The longer a remedy is postponed the more painful — and perhaps less effective — the remedy will be.

Deficit spending should have been halted yesterday. Dare we wait until tomorrow in the hope that something better might come along and might be approved?

The national economy would be better off with a flawed deficit-reduction measure than none at all. This is the current choice. A frightening choice, because it's true.

—JOHN MALNACK II

## Out of Context by Kevin Cole *Lifestyles of the poor and unknown*

I know it sounds strange but the other day, while in the midst of another financial crisis, I started thinking about the advantages of being on the lower side of the economic scale.

The downside of the situation is a given. Not being able to do the little things like buy a term paper when you really need one or spend the equivalent on the national debt on a special date (sometimes known as priming the pump), have pushed more people to do stupid things, like taking out a fourth student loan, than anything else.

Unfortunately, undergraduate students, grad students, perennial students and teachers are the most susceptible to the ravages of economic deprivation. So, before you go out and do something really stupid (no, not "like finishing this idiot's column"), consider the positive aspects of impoverishment.

The first thing that occurs to me is, what you don't have, no one can steal. Of course, that doesn't stop some folks of even greater financial hardships from breaking in and ransacking your place while you're out scrounging up aluminum cans to pay your light bill.

Having an apartment uncluttered by extravagances such as a working television, furniture

and food in the cupboards means you have plenty of room when friends drop over.

An added advantage is they tend not to expect a whole lot of you as a host if they find

People tend not to expect a whole lot of you as a host if they find you burning the last sticks of your bedroom set in the bathtub. Very seldom does anyone bother to ask if my roomie and I have a good bottle of Dom Perignon on hand.

you burning the last sticks of your bedroom set in the bathtub. Very seldom, when someone finds my roomie and I thus engaged, do they bother to ask if we have a good bottle of Dom Perignon on hand.

Scraping the bottom of the proverbial barrel is also a fine way to discover new ways to amuse yourself. Obviously, diversions such as buying the latest albums, movies, and expensive restaurants and lounges are right out the window. Instead, make up your own words to the

songs on the radio. For a copy of my award-winning parody, "Porn in the USA," which Karen won't let me publish here, send 50¢ in coin to me here and hope the Postmaster General lets it through.

Movies are tougher. At our place we've devised an elaborate theater of hand puppets and shadow designs that never fail to amuse ourselves and astound our friends.

Last week alone we produced a frighteningly clever performance of *Gone With the Wind*. In our version, not only Tara, but Scarlett is over-run by the entire Union Army.

Not being able to visit posh eateries and drinking establishments is one of the biggest plusses on my list. I'm sure the managers and owners feel that way too. But from a travelling perspective, most of the emporiums I'm able to frequent are within mugging distance of my humble abode.

The benefits are at least two-fold. I don't have far to step when procuring a quick bite to eat and I don't have far to crawl after procuring a suitable hangover for the next morning.

Besides, it is my contention that fine establishments such as The California Bar, Ted's Discount Sandwich Shoppe and Ollie's House of Sterno have a certain ambience impossible to

duplicate anywhere else. Even if you wanted to.

I'm not sure what an evening at one of Omaha's chic nightspots is like.

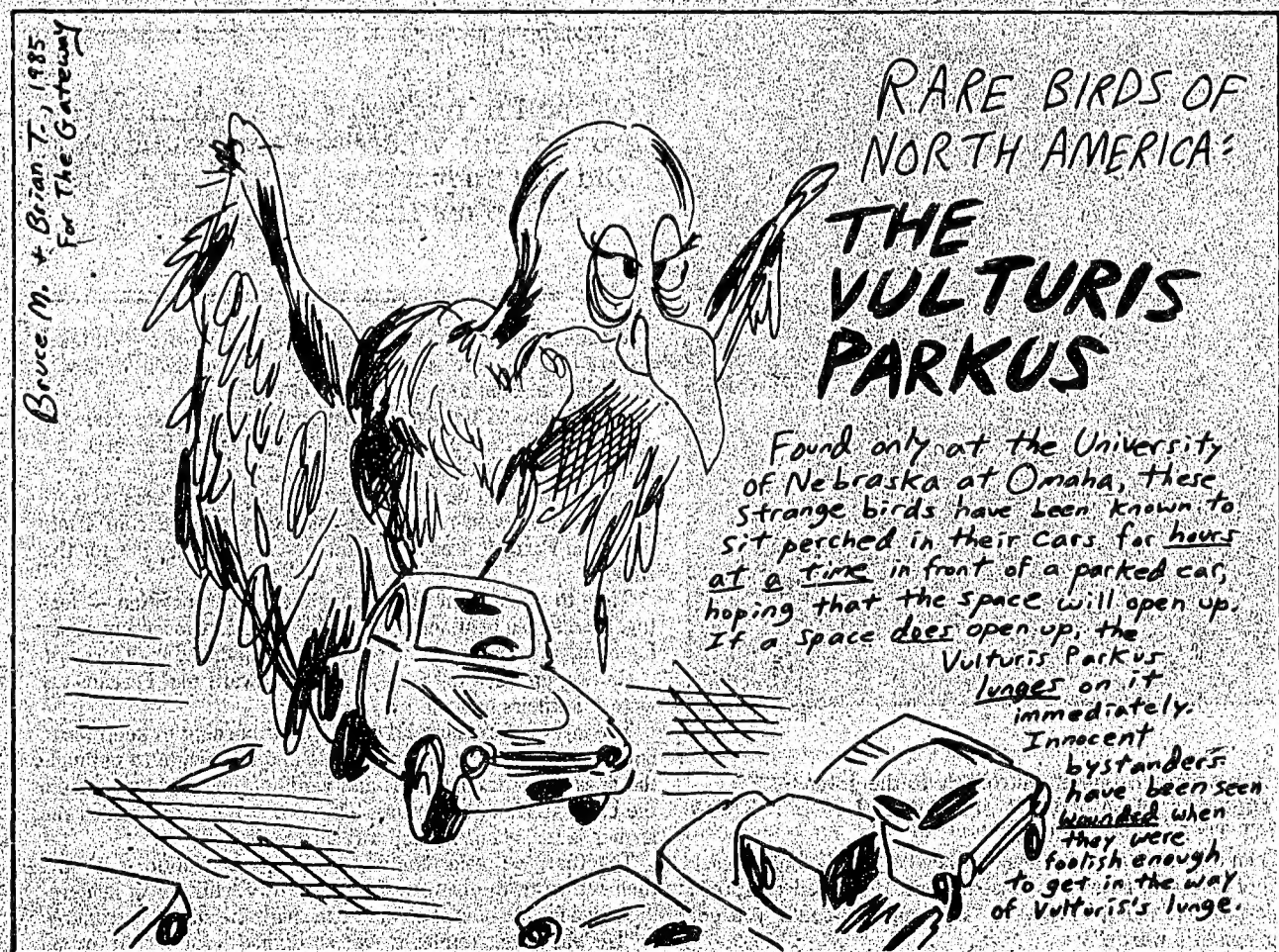
There are some who would argue there aren't any such animals, but for *moi*, there's nothing like hanging out at the old neighborhood dive, swilling 50¢ draws, chomping a couple of packs of beef jerky and waiting for the two neanderthals at the pool table to break their cues over each other's beer-slogged noggin.

Saving the best and probably only true advantage for last, let me point out that being on the list of *Forbes* Bottom 400 Indigents' has helped me shed an unsightly 10 to 15 pounds that somehow stowed away on my person in more prosperous days.

That was a simple accomplishment really. The starter went out on my car about the same time my plates expired and I've been walking and dropping poundage ever since.

Who needs Jane Fonda's workout? At this rate, I expect to have my own health program on cable TV by next spring.

I just hope it's not too successful. I wouldn't want to miss out on all this fun I'm having.



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## Op Ed

## Dr. P. says: Take two Broncos and call me back

Every now and then I manage to get stinking drunk.

A dubious and undistinguished accomplishment, I'm the first to admit. Many people do it with far more regularity and *panache* than I; my good friend from "Out of Context" leaps readily to mind.

Others don't do it at all—a quality I admire but am unable to understand. I can only assume that these teatotaling stalwarts lack what to me seems an essential element of human character: the need to occasionally affirm one's humanity by making a complete ass of one's self.

Last weekend I affirmed my humanity in a big way. The variety and quantity of beverages consumed during this act of affirmation eludes me, as does memory of much of the night itself. Suffice to say that any doubts about my possessing that particular character trait were dispelled in spades.

Which leads us to today's topic: how to survive the painfully obvious result of any truly successful bacchanal — the hangover.

If Death had come to claim me after last weekend's rites, I'd have gone quietly and with gratitude, but every time I opened my eyes, the world was still there in all its well-lit and gleefully vindictive splendor. I knew from experience that I had one chance to make it through the day, and I offer it to the world in hopes that it may make the aftermath of humanity a bit more bearable for someone, somewhere.

I call it Doctor P.'s Prescription, and I rank it right up there with sliced bread, the electric light and toilet paper. It is simply one of the

most amazing products of modern science and technology: the Bronco's cheeseburger.

Take two with an order of fries and an extra-large Pepsi and you will be cured.

I've often marvelled at the efficacy of this decidedly unexotic medication, but I believe that, sometime in the distant future, it will take its place among willow-bark tea and mustard plasters as folk remedies that really work. Unlike some folk medicines, however, it is easy to explain just why Bronco's cheeseburgers work their magic.

The most important and powerful ingredient in Doctor P.'s Prescription is grease. Think of grease globules as little sponge mops soaking up the systemic poisons of the night before. Bronco's cheeseburgers are the best source of insoluble animal fat on the planet.

Many folk remedies benefit from being prepared at a certain time of day, and Broncos are no exception. If you can stay in bed until 11 or 1:30 p.m., the essential grease content of the Bronco's cheeseburger will be enhanced by accumulated lunch-rush drippings. Even with a clean griddle, though, Broncos has more than enough of this prime ingredient to get the job done.

I might add here that this is why Burger King cheeseburgers are as worthless for curing hangovers as screen doors on a submarine. Flame broiling lets the vital grease and fat drain off, and microwaving renders them almost inert. Broncos are cooked properly, and then placed under heat lamps to ferment. The longer a Bronco stays under these lamps, the better.

The second important element in the pre-

scription is salt. After a night of hard humanity, your fluid balance is way out of whack. If you can remember how many times you visited the porcelain facilities the night before, you have some indication of just how much water you've lost.

Salt helps you retain those precious bodily fluids supplied by your extra-large Pepsi. Bronco's cheeseburgers themselves have enough salt to do the trick, but in this case the fries are adjunct therapy. Nothing is saltier than Bronco's fries.

The third and perhaps most esoteric factor in Doctor P.'s Prescription is something I call the ICBM factor. This is a difficult concept, so I'll go slow.

ICBM stands for Inseparable Cheese/Bread/Meat. What makes it work is not only the component parts, but how they're put together.

Cheese, bread and meat made Western civilization what it is today. In these three seemingly mundane foodstuffs are represented man's rise from simple hunter-gatherer to wielder of the wonders of modern agriculture, animal husbandry and controlled curdling.

What this represents to your body is a sort of reconnection with America's heritage and your place in society; a centering, if you will, using a kind of post-scientific Host in which the Three become One. That's why it's almost impossible to take apart a Bronco's cheeseburger. It's made that way to represent your gustatorial re-integration into modern society after a night of calling Herb on the big white phone.

It's also important to remember the function served by those dedicated health professionals,

the Bronco fry cooks. Think of them as latter-day shamans; adding the indispensable psychological support so necessary in the treatment process.

To me, just walking into Bronco's for treatment makes me feel better, because I know there's at least one poor slob behind the counter in the same shape I'm in. Doctor/patient empathy goes a long way in promoting healing.

Don't get impatient; it takes about half an hour for the treatment to take effect. Part of this time your stomach is recovering from the surprise of having what it sees as a large foreign object dropped into it. Remember, Broncos are not immediately recognizable as food to anything but your eyes. But after your stomach marshals its resources, it will devote so much of your body's reserves to breaking down the treatment into its effective components that you will forget all about your hangover until the stomach has accomplished its task... usually two to three hours. By that time, the grease, salt and Pepsi will be coursing through your bloodstream bringing relief undreamed of.

There it is: Doctor P.'s Prescription. Strong medicine, for sure. The strongest over-the-counter remedy for affirmed humanity I know of.

Oh, I forgot to mention one of the best features of the Prescription. It is of such a nature that many people I know have forgone the disease to avoid the treatment. Now *that's* effective.

—DAN PRESCHER

## Shed a tear for Ak-Sar-Ben's lost kingdom of Quivira

Can it be? Ak-Sar-Ben is actually considering giving up the coronation and ball to *save money*?

According to Tuesday's *World-Herald*, it's possible. Not that I'm heartbroken — the ball and coronation should have been abolished years ago on the grounds of good taste.

And yet...

Think of all those unfortunate future debutantes who will never know the joy of becoming queen of Quivira. They will never know what it's like to become royalty without marrying a prince, king, duke, lord or other titled personage. Kings, dukes and the like are becoming endangered species, however. Becoming an Ak-Sar-Ben princess was easier.

Think of all those — uh, more *mature* — gentlemen who climbed the ladder of success, stepping on those who got in their way, hoping against hope that, one day, they would get the Ak-Sar-Ben crown a few years before receiving the gold watch signaling retirement. (The hope was, more often than not, in vain, but it gave them something to shoot for.)

Most of all, think of the unfortunate local daily. The Ak-Sar-Ben coronation was a guaranteed space-filler every fall. Now, if

Big Red has a few lousy seasons, the *World-Herald* has nothing to fall back upon.

Without the Ak-Sar-Ben coronation, debutantes will have to come out at dinner dances as they do in small towns such as Norfolk, Lincoln, and New York City. Omaha's elite will have to pat each other on the back at the local country clubs after work. Maybe Omaha will grow up a little at last.

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Reading about Ak-Sar-Ben's budget problems seems a bit frivolous when you consider that the University of Nebraska still has its own budget problems to conquer. Today's Board of Regents meeting should reveal how the university will handle the latest moves by the Legislature.

Even though the proposed budget cuts are smaller, they still exist. Once the cuts become law, the Board of Regents will have no choice except to decide what gets cut and where.

Watch what happens the next few days. What the Legislature and the Board of Regents decide will make a difference in the future of UNO.

Just when you think you've seen it all, something comes along and proves you haven't even come close.

The *Gateway* gets college papers from all over the United States. Once in a while, I actually have time to look through one or two.

The following classified ad from the Arizona State University *State Press* caught my eye:

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That's certainly a new twist on the oldest profession. Yes, indeed, Rob and Geno certainly give a woman a feeling of confidence.

I tried to interest some of the males on the staff in investigating natural insemination as a part-time job, but no one was interested. Gee, I can't imagine why.

—KAREN NELSON

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# Sports

## One setter plays while another watches

By POLIDOROS C. PSERROS

When UNO travels to Mankato, Minn. for the North Central Conference Volleyball Tournament this weekend, it will be led by transfer setter Angie Oswald. Transfer setter Darla Melcher will stay in Omaha.

Since Oswald became the only setter in UNO's 5-1 offense, the Lady Mavs are 21-1. Oswald leads the team with 990 assists, is third in digs with 230 and third in service aces with

The Lady Mavs volleyball team plays its first match in the North Central Conference volleyball tournament today at 2 p.m. against South Dakota at Mankato State in Mankato, Minn.

64. Melcher hasn't played for the Mavs.

"The breaks haven't been with Darla," said Lori Melcher Hunter. Melcher is the third of five sisters who played the setter position. Lori, 26, was a two-time all-Big 8 setter for the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. Wendy, 23, was a two-time all-NCC setter for UNO. "I think she as good as any one of us," Lori said.

Melcher is ineligible to play this season because she has transferred twice. Graduating from Beatrice High School in 1982, she went to Northwest Missouri State for a year before transferring to UNL in 1983.

Oswald graduated from Fairbury High school in 1983. She went to Northwest Missouri State (NWMS). "That was really the only school that recruited me," she said.

Oswald played as freshman and was in control

on the court, her coach, now UNO assistant, Susie Homan said.

Last spring, she learned that NWMS will drop its program in communication disorders in 1986. Oswald had the option of transferring to another school. She had three criteria: 1) it should be close to home; 2) it should be Division II caliber in volleyball; and 3) it should have a good academic program.

She ruled out Central Missouri State and Northeast Missouri State, NWMS rivals and a couple of Kansas schools.

After speaking to John Christensen of UNO's counseling and special education department, she decided on UNO. "My first priority was to get an education," she said.

Homan also coached Melcher her freshman year. "She has all the setter's qualities," she said.

Melcher showed leadership on the court at NWMS Lori said. "She was in charge," she said. But Melcher was unhappy with volleyball and it was affecting her grades.

"I felt I could play at a bigger school," Melcher said. "I always wondered if I could play at Nebraska."

Lori and Darla Melcher are both 5-foot-6. While Wendy leads quietly, the two players are louder, take-charge people. Lori is Darla's confidante, and when Darla called:

"I told her to transfer," Lori said.

After sitting out a year at Nebraska, she became a defensive specialist. "You go in for crucial points," she said. It was a job she did well.

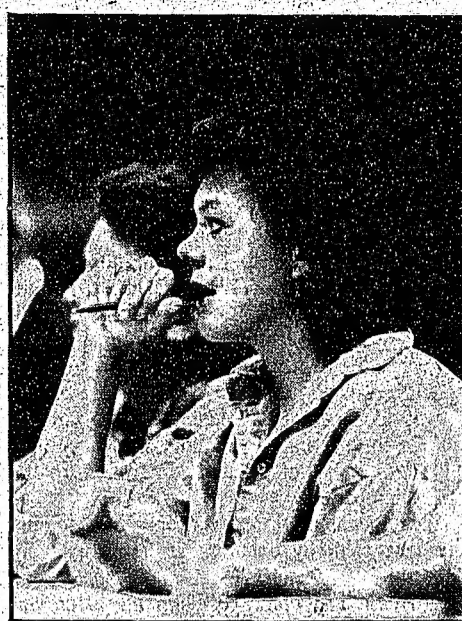
"She was the kind of person you liked to have at practice," UNL assistant coach Jay Potter said. "She enjoyed digging out balls." Potter said Melcher spurred other players to play hard.

Melcher played in 63 of 114 games that UNL played. The 29-4 Huskers were rated 5th in Division I. She had 30 digs and 15 service aces.



—Roger Tunis

Setter Angie Oswald prepares to serve in the Oct. 26 match against Augustana.



—Roger Tunis

Setter Darla Melcher takes statistics during the Augustana match.

And during one key match against Missouri in Columbia, she proved to be the difference.

UNL had lost a game and were losing 4-11 in game two and appeared to be destined to lose. "Darla and (setter) Mary Buysee served us back into the match," UNL coach Terry Pettit said. UNL went on to win.

But Melcher, a UNL non-scholarship player, felt she had to go back to work. She learned that he could go to UNO and work. She had to sit out a year before she could play. She also loses a year of eligibility. It's hard just watching.

"Last month has been the hardest, she said. Meanwhile, Oswald, an all-tournament player at the UNO Invitational, is at the controls. "Angie Oswald is an excellent setter," Melcher said. "She's getting better and better with each game."

"Darla's time will come," UNO coach Janice Kruger said. Kruger added that Melcher has to concentrate on studies and be eligible next fall. She'll have one season to prove herself.

"One year won't seem like much," Wendy said. "But if you get your chance, that'll have to be it."

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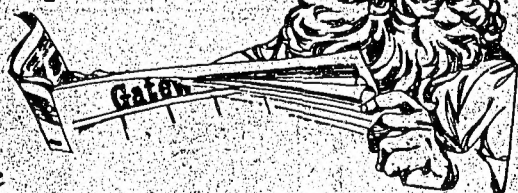
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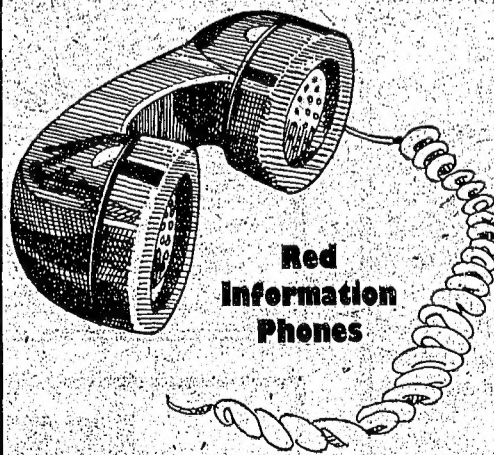
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# Mavs want to end with win

By ERIC OLSON

The UNO football team will be facing the nation's No. 1 rushing team in Division II tomorrow when South Dakota comes to Caniglia Field for a 1:30 p.m. game, the last of the regular season for both teams.

The Coyotes, ranked first in the nation for five straight weeks earlier this season, were 10th before beating Northern Colorado 49-6 last Saturday. They average 302.2 ground-yards a game and 415.4 overall.

"They run a triple option from the I-formation," UNO coach Sandy Buda said. "That's something we haven't seen before." South Dakota, 6-2 in the North Central Conference (NCC) and 8-2 overall, needs North Dakota to pull an upset of league-leader North Dakota State this Saturday and a win over UNO to win the conference title. North Dakota State, 6-1-1 in the NCC, would win the title outright with a victory.

UNO is 4-4 in the conference and 6-4 overall after defeating North Dakota 19-7 last week.

Although South Dakota has a strong running game, the Mavs will also have to watch the pass. The Coyotes' Rod Tweet is the NCC leader in receiving with 37 catches for 568 yards and 10 touchdowns.

Their running attack is headed by NCC-leader Chul Schwanke, who has 1,077 yards on 198 carries. Other top rushers are tailback Tony Higgins with 823 yards on 136 carries, and quarterback Scott Jones with 691 yards on 156 yards. Jones has completed 69 of 115 passes for 672 yards and 10 touchdowns.

The Coyotes lead the series 16-7-1. UNO did not record its first victory of the series that began in 1935 until 1967, when Marlin Briscoe led Omaha University to a 27-20 victory. UNO has won the last two meetings and three of the last five. UNO won 14-12 last year on a pair of scoring passes for quarterback Randy Naran.

The Mavs took control in the third quarter of last week's win. UNO capitalized on a North Dakota fumble at the Sioux 26 for its first touchdown. The Mavs outgained the Sioux 345-265 in total offense with Steve Macaitis leading UNO with 130 yards on 14 carries.

Macaitis' efforts earned him player-of-the-week honors on (continued on page 12)

# College and Pro Picks by Eric Lindwall

Last week Eric hit on 83 percent of his college predictions. His Upset Special was also good for the second consecutive week. For the season Eric's average stands at 76 percent.

Well, it's almost time; one week from tomorrow the Big Eight conference title will be decided in Norman, Okla.

As Nebraska prepares for its annual shootout with the Sooners the question repeatedly asked is "Why not Steve Taylor at quarterback?"

The answer is simple.

By the coaches' and Taylor's own admission, the freshman sensation has mastered fewer than half the plays in the Cornhusker offense.

Obviously Nebraska's starting quarterback for the remainder of the season must have full command of the offensive scheme if the Big Red hopes to come out a winner; especially against a superior team like Oklahoma. Let's leave the coaching to the coaches and cross our fingers in anticipation of a successful conclusion to a good season.

The following is a look at this week's games:

**Notre Dame at Penn State** — The decision not to renew Gerry Fausti's contract at Notre Dame was rumored to have been finalized a month ago. Ironically, the Irish have gone undefeated since then and against solid competition.

If ever a game was played that exemplified the fact that college football is an emotional game, this is the one. Watch for another No. 1 ranked team to falter. Notre Dame 21-18.

**Arkansas at Texas A&M** — How 'bout those Hogs! Trailing Baylor midway through the fourth quarter, the situation looked bleak until Arkansas uncorked a 77-yard pass play for the winning touchdown.

This week may turn out differently for the Razorbacks, however, as Texas A&M has been the toughest team to play at home in the SWC this year. Indications are that Arkansas will endure at letdown after last week's game. Texas A&M 27-20.

**Auburn at Georgia** — Southeast conference defensive units have criticized Auburn's Bo Jackson for taking himself out early in games this year because he's afraid to get hit.

Look for Jackson to silence his critics and lead the Tigers to a much needed victory over a Bulldog team weak against the run. Auburn 24-17.

Other games this week include: Iowa 34; Purdue 14; Iowa St. 24; Kansas St. 21; Oklahoma St. 28; Missouri 13; Oklahoma 38; Colorado 21; Michigan 27; Minnesota 24; Ohio St. 31; Wis-

consin 14; Illinois 27; Indiana 10; Michigan St. 31; Northwestern 9; Florida 34; Kentucky 10; SMU 31; Texas Tech 14; Virginia 27; North Carolina 21; Syracuse 30; Boston College 21; Tennessee 41; Mississippi 10; North Carolina St. 21; Duke 17; Navy 24; South Carolina 21; Texas 33; TCU 14; Air Force 35; BYU 28; Vanderbilt 27; Virginia Tech 24; Maryland 28; Clemson 24; Alabama 21; Southern Mississippi 13; Baylor 31; Rice 17; Washington 24; USC 21; UCLA 42; Oregon St. 6; LSU 17; Mississippi St. 3; New Mexico 28; Wyoming 21; Arizona St. 21; Stanford 7; Harvard 28; Penn 14; Yale 32; Princeton 21; Rutgers 34; Colgate 17; Nebraska 41; Kansas 17; and UNO 24; South Dakota 17;

## NFL

**Chicago at Dallas** — These two teams met in the preseason in what seemed more like a war than a football game; no less than three fights broke out in the first half of what was supposed to be a meaningless contest.

Dallas has a tough defense but the Cowboys offensive output is no match for the Bears' multi-faceted scoring attack. The feeling here is that Dallas should suffer a letdown after its big win at Washington. In a very physical game, Chicago 24-20.

**Los Angeles Rams at Atlanta** — The Rams fell victim to extremely poor officiating last Sunday in their 24-19 loss at Giants stadium. Two very questionable calls cost Los Angeles the victory and the Rams lost for the second time in as many weeks.

This week the Rams travel to Atlanta to meet the hapless Falcons who have won only one game this year. The question is not whether the Rams will win, but by how much. Rams 31-14.

**Cincinnati at Los Angeles Raiders** — With Jim Plunkett on the bench the Raider offense is finally starting to come around. Last week the Raiders lost in overtime but scored 34 points in an impressive offensive performance.

The Raiders have traditionally been one of the most difficult teams to beat at home and this Sunday should be no different. Los Angeles 31-16.

Other NFL games this week include: Green Bay 30; New Orleans 21; St. Louis 21; Philadelphia 20; Cleveland 27; Buffalo 24; Miami 34; Indianapolis 17; NY Jets 24; Tampa Bay 21; San Francisco 34; Kansas City 21; Seattle 28; New England 13; Denver 31; San Diego 28; Detroit 24; Minnesota 17; NY Giants 21; Washington 14; and this week's Upset Special, Houston 28; Pittsburgh 21.

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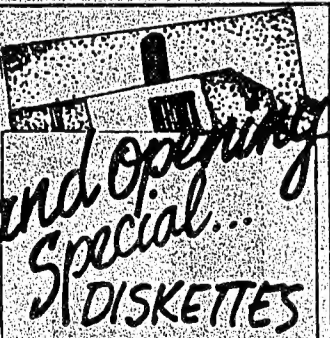
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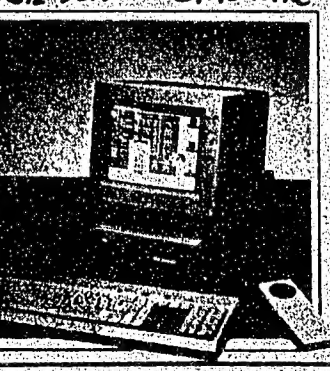
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# Sports Opinion

## Education #1

After performing a feat which most successful-minded people would consider the apex of their career — that is getting an opinion column published in the *Omaha World-Herald* (Nov. 3 Editorial section), I was ready to sit back and let time and nature fill my photo albums.

But no. An uninformed Huskerite has aroused my desire to stand firm against Husker Mania. Before I deliver my argument against Henry Stern's letter in the Nov. 12 edition of "The Voice From the Grandstand," I wish to quiet the assertion that anti-Husker talk is fashionable at UNO. No, Kevin, it truly isn't. The reception I have received from UNO students to my anti-Big Red philosophy has been less than warm. The threats made on my life, whether in jest or not, prove the ridiculously accelerated level that Husker Madness has reached.

Now, on with my debate with Mr. Stern. In all of my journalistic writing, I try to write so my ideas are understood, but I think this time Mr. Stern let the point of my column sail right over his head. He said in his letter that nothing in this state compares to Nebraska football, and I think he is right. No other institution brings football players from all over the nation, pumps them through five years of major college football, and then escorts them into a big money pro contract without the slightest degree of a college education.

Mr. Stern said the reason for the lack of enthusiasm in UNO athletics is that a number of UNO students are working their way through school and athletics are only secondary in their lives. When are athletics primary in a student's life? Never, if they are truly students! The purpose of college is to broaden one's horizons and gain new truths that may unlock the door to

one's philosophical, intellectual, and/or economic future. Athletics are certainly a part of a well-rounded college education, but they should never be primary.

Athletics are no more enriching as an extracurricular activity than Student Government, Student Programming, or yes, even writing for the *Gateway*. People like Mr. Stern fail to see that the purpose of extracurricular activities, such as athletics, is to enrich the students who participate in them. They are not to provide for the runaway mania of fans who use the thrill they get from the sports as a drug-like escape from reality.

Participating in athletics is not easy. To be an athlete, a person has to make physical sacrifices and devote a lot of time that could be spent doing other things. But all UNO athletes do not get scholarships and a few Husker athletes do not get scholarships. I don't think running out onto the field in Memorial Stadium is much more worth struggling through a football season without a scholarship than it is at UNO, but for what it's worth, the fan appreciation is much greater in Lincoln.

I predict in years to come that UNO's Al Caniglia Field will give way to a parking lot or a new business-college wing, whatever is most profitable at the time. I have always been one to disagree with the majority, but I think the democratic absolute has finally overwhelmed me.

To all the members of the UNO athletic staff: unless you like biting your nails and living the life of an expectant father, you should apply your college degrees in another field as many of your forward-thinking colleagues have done in the past. If you're not at the top, as so many things need to be in this world to be successful, you're here today and gone tomorrow.

—TIM JENSEN

# UNO to face top rushing team

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offense. Macaitis, a junior running back from Omaha Creighton Prep, turned in his third 100-plus yard performance of the season with big gains of 47 and 50 yards in the third quarter. Macaitis also caught two passes for 17 yards.

Gary Baker won defensive honors, making six unassisted and nine assisted tackles. Three of his tackles were for losses, including two sacks, for losses of six and seven yards. Baker also broke up a pair of passes.

Buda praised center Jerry Kripal and wide receiver Don Brummer for their performances, as well as defensive tackles Jim Nekola and Scott Johnson. Kripal's blocking keyed the UNO rushing attack, and Brummer, making his first college start, caught a 34-yard scoring pass from quarterback Rick Majerus. Nekola had seven tackles and Johnson eight.

Two UNO players in the game against the Sioux, defensive back Kevin Kush and offensive tackle Scott Caldwell. Kush suffered a concussion in the first quarter and Caldwell had a strained knee.

Buda said wide receiver Terry Allen, out with a slightly separated shoulder, could see action against the Coyotes. Allen, who holds the UNO kickoff return record with 592 yards this season, could pad that if he plays.

In other NCC games tomorrow, South Dakota State (6-2, 7-4) visits Northern Colorado (2-6, 2-8); Augustana (1-7, 1-8) meets Mankato State (3-5, 4-6); North Dakota (2-6, 3-7) at North Dakota State (6-1-1, 7-2-1) and Morningside (4-3-1, 6-3-1).

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